

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0042] of the specification to read as follows:

**[0042]** Depicted in Figure 4 is one embodiment of a tie rod 204. Tie rod 204 comprises an elongated shaft 206 having a handle 208 outwardly projecting from a first end thereof. A hole 209 extends through an opposing second end of shaft 206. Hole 209 is designed to receive a latch pin 210 therein. As shown in Figure 3, once bin assemblies 10A and 10B are stacked, tie rod 204 is advanced through the aligned holes 61 in retention tabs 59 and openings 65. Latch pin 210 is then passed through hole 209, thereby securing together bin assemblies 10A and 10B.

Please amend Paragraph [0050] of the specification to read as follows:

**[0050]** First and second retention plates 80 and 82 are removably ~~slide~~ slid within channel 66 so as to substantially cover opening 46. Recesses 88 and 94 are aligned so as to combine to form an annular porthole 96. Once plates 80 and 82 are received within channel 66, fasteners 70 can be tightened so as to secure plates 80 and 82 therein. As will be discussed below in greater detail, porthole 96 is used to receive a port and/or tube of a fluid bag received within chamber 32 ~~[[if]]~~ of bin 12.